

REMARKS

The Office Communication of Action of September 10, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 29-43, and 45-154 are pending. Claims 10-26 have been cancelled and added as claims 155-171.

The Office Communication of September 10, 2004, indicated that claims 10-26 cannot be reinstated based on previous cancellation. Applicants note that there was confusion regarding whether the amendment of February 22, 1996, was indeed entered. The response of August 13, 2004, attempted to consolidate all claim amendments including the amendments of June 7, 1997. To eliminate any confusion of which claims are properly before the Examiner, Applicants have cancelled claims 10-26 and added them back as claims 155-171.

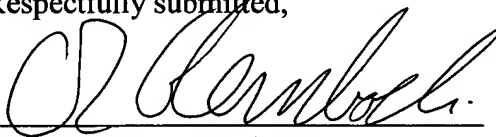
All formal matters having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Applicants hereby give authorization to charge any fee associated with this submission or any additional fee due to Deposit Account 19-0733. If there are any questions the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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